

February 10, 1949

Funeral Services For William J. Ulrich

A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral services for William J. Ulrich, last Saturday, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., in the Presbyterian church in Groton, of which he was a member. The Rev. Hubert Ketelle of Huron officiated.

A quartet, Mesdames Palmer G. Peterson, Robert N. Hart, Alfred Paetznick, and Ben Craig, sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "God Will Take Care of You." Mrs. Joe Williams was at the piano.

Pallbearers, all close friends of the departed, were Charles A. Nelson, William H. Wood, Harry Pharis, William J. Honey, Frank D. Jensen and August Lier. Interment was in the Groton Union Cemetery, with Alfred Paetznick in charge of arrangements.

William John Ulrich was born August 9th, 1908, to Gustav and Wilhelmina Ulrich, at the farm home where he passed away February 2, 1949, which has always been his home and where he grew to manhood.

On December 31, 1941, he was united in marriage to Mildred Van Riper, and to this union two daughters were born, one, Jo Ann Kay, preceded him in death in infancy.

William is survived by his wife and 17-months-old daughter, Jean Marie, his mother, a brother, Ervin, and a sister, Mrs. C. P. Knudsen of Long Beach, Calif. His father passed away October 24, 1937. William's illness started over a year ago, and he underwent three major operations in Rochester, Minn. Everything possible was done for him, but the dread disease was too much to overcome and he was confined to bed at his home for the past eleven weeks, where he gradually lost strength and passed away at 7:00 a. m. on February 2nd.

Mr. Ulrich was ardently beloved by a large circle of friends and associates. His genial disposition and upright character endeared him to all his acquaintances. He was a kind and loving husband, father and son and an obliging neighbor and friend, and tributes to his memory were the many bouquets of flowers and memorials. He was greatly devoted to children and his small daughter was his pride and joy. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the grief-stricken relatives in the untimely passing of this highly esteemed Putney man.

Relatives from out of the community attending the funeral services were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bulian and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bulian of Leola; Mrs. Max Bulian and sons, Edward and August, Mr. and Mrs. C. Van Riper, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Daschel and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffer and son, all of Aberdeen; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Van Riper of Warner; Mr. and Mrs. C. Van Riper, Jr., of James; Mrs. Charles Frisbie, Aberdeen; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Koch, Mrs. Andrew Armour, Mrs. Annie Koch and Mrs. Gilbert Karlen, of Hecla; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Liese of Belle Plaine, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nack, of West Hanson.

Among friends at the services aside from Putney and Groton were: Mr. and Mrs. George Everson of Britton; Mrs. Emil Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nelson of Colton; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Alberts of Claremont; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Liese of Plana; Mrs. Willard Neudigate of Tacoma Park. Those present from Aberdeen were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Haire, Mrs. Irving Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stablein, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, Carl Wendell, Wendell Schoppe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wenz, L. A. Schornack, Mrs. Arthur Schoch, Mrs. Wm. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller.